



JUNE 2015

MIDDLESEX FELS RESERVATION

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All programs are free and open to the public. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information please visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/middlesex-fells-reservation.html> or e-mail FellsReservation@State.MA.US. The Botume House is located at 4 Woodland Road in Stoneham.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Conservation in the Fells 2:00-2:45pm	2 Hike and Seek 10:00-10:45am Babes in the Woods 11:00am-12:00pm	3	4	5 Nature Detectives 1:00-2:00pm	6 <i>Spot Pond Family Fishing Festival</i> 9:00am-1:00pm Botume House 9:00am-5:00pm
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Program Descriptions

Kidleidoscope! Saturdays 9:30--10:15am	For kids age 3 to 6. Program includes a story, game, and a craft designed to introduce youngsters to the natural world of the Fells. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Botume House visitor center. Rain or shine. Pre-registration required: (978) 937-2092 x120
Nature Detectives Fridays 1:00-2:00pm	For kids ages 5-7. Join our Park Interpreter in exploring the Fells with a different weekly theme in mind. We'll use our powers of observation to look closely at species native to the Fells and investigate the natural world around us. Kid-friendly hike followed by an outdoor game or activity. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Location changes weekly; please see calendar for details. Heavy rain cancels. <i>Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Consider bringing water, insect repellent and sunscreen. No registration required.</i>
The Wyoming Estates Saturdays 2:00-3:00pm	An hour-long historical tour of the resort community built around Spot Pond in the 1800s in the neighborhood historically known as Wyoming. Tour begins and ends at the Botume House with a leisurely walk down the path to the newly-restored Tudor Barn. Adults and older children. Heavy rain cancels. <i>Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Consider bringing water, insect repellent and sunscreen.</i> Pre-registration required: (978) 937-2092 x121.

Conservation in the Fells Mondays June 1 & 22 2:00-2:45pm	A walking tour to Wright's Tower discussing early local conservationists responsible for the creation of the Fells as a protected public space, including George Davenport, Charles Eliot, and Elizur Wright, the tower's namesake. Meet at Bellevue Pond parking lot. Adults and older children. Walk is less than a mile round trip, but the incline is fairly steep. <i>Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Consider bringing water, insect repellent and sunscreen.</i> Heavy rain cancels.
The Virginia Wood Historic Trail Mondays June 8 & 29 2:00-3:00pm	The Virginia Wood area of the Fells has seen and incredible progression of technology from Native American hand tools to grist, saw, and snuff mills, to the rubber mill town known as Haywardville. A walk with frequent stops at historic sites. Adults and older children. Meet at the Pond Street parking area. <i>Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Consider bringing water, insect repellent and sunscreen.</i> Heavy rain cancels.
Nature Journaling Sundays 1:00-2:00pm	A guided easy hike that seeks to connect art and nature. Program will include a short hike and a period of rest and reflection during which time participants are encouraged to draw, sketch, read, or write. Bring your own desired materials. Location changes weekly; please see calendar for details. <i>Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Consider bringing water, insect repellent, sunscreen, binoculars, a blanket or towel. Field guides will be available for reference.</i> Rain cancels.
The Botume House Open daily through Columbus Day 9:00am – 5:00pm	The Botume House Visitor Center is open daily through Columbus Day and boasts a new, permanent exhibit. Please stop by for program information, trail maps, and general inquiries. Located at 4 Woodland Road, Stoneham.
Hike and Seek <i>(Friends of the Fells)</i> Tuesdays 10:00-10:45am	These programs are lead by the Fells' DCR park interpreter with assistance from Friends of the Fells volunteers. Hike and Seek is an opportunity for young hikers and their parents to explore the Fells through nature themed scavenger hunts. Please visit www.fells.org for information. Location changes weekly.
Babes in the Woods <i>(Friends of the Fells)</i> Tuesdays 11:00am-12:00pm	These programs are lead by the Fells' DCR park interpreter with assistance from Friends of the Fells volunteers. Babes in the Woods is an adult-paced hike, appropriate only for parents who carry their children. Please visit www.fells.org . Location changes weekly.

Special Events

Spot Pond Family Fishing Festival Saturday, June 6 9:00am-1:00pm	The annual event that can't be beat! Join DCR, Mass Wildlife, the Stoneham police department, and American Legion Post 115 on the shores of Spot Pond. Meet at Straw Point, at the intersection of Pond and Main Streets in Stoneham. <i>No fishing license is required for this event only.</i>
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Great Blue Heron Walk Fridays June 19 & 26 6:00-7:00pm	Spot Pond is home to two Great Blue Heron rookeries. Join us for a stroll down the Spot Pond trail to observe the rookery over the trail and the nests over on Great Island. <i>Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Consider bringing water. Insect repellent and binoculars are highly recommended.</i>